

Topical Heading

Academic Improvement

Program Title

Improving Literacy Through School Libraries

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.364A

Administering Office

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE)

Who May Apply (specifically)

Local education agencies (LEAs) in which at least 20 percent of students served are from families with incomes below the poverty line may apply. Outlying areas (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs are eligible for funds under a set-aside.

Current Competitions

FY 2006 application deadline: April 11, 2006.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2003 \$19,842,236

Fiscal Year 2004 \$19,683,264

Fiscal Year 2005 \$19,486,170

Note: If the appropriation exceeds \$100,000,000, then funds would be distributed by formula to state education agencies (SEAs).

Fiscal Year 2006 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 100

Average New Award: \$190,000

Range of New Awards: \$30,000–\$300,000

Legislative Citation

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, Title I, Part B, Subpart 4; 20 U.S.C. 6383.

Program Regulations

EDGAR

Program Description

This program helps LEAs improve reading achievement by providing students with increased access to up-to-date school library materials; well-equipped, technologically advanced school library media centers; and professionally certified school library media specialists.

Types of Projects

Districts may use funds for the following activities:

- Purchase up-to-date school library media resources, including books;
- Acquire and use advanced technology that is integrated into the curricula to develop and enhance the information literacy, information retrieval, and critical-thinking skills of students;
- Facilitate Internet links and other resource-sharing networks;

- Provide professional development for school library media specialists and provide activities that foster increased collaboration among library specialists, teachers, and administrators; and
- Provide students with access to school libraries during nonschool hours, weekends, and summer vacations.

Education Level (by category)

Elementary, Secondary

Subject Index

Elementary Secondary Education, Libraries, Literacy

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